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Douglas Island Closed to Wolf Hunting and Trapping

(Juneau) – Biologists with the Alaska Department of Fish & Game in Douglas announce an early closure to the wolf hunting and trapping season for that portion of Unit 1C – Douglas Island at **11:59 pm Wednesday, December 21, 2016.**

As of Monday, December 19, 2016 three wolves have been harvested in Unit 1C within the Douglas Island Management Area, which encompasses all of Douglas Island. Per the Douglas Island Management Plan (5 AAC 92.530 (23)) wolf trappers must register with the department prior to placing gear in the field. Hunters and trappers also have 48 hours to report their harvest to the department and have a sealing requirement of 5 days. Because the guideline harvest level of 3 wolves has been met, an emergency order (01-27-16) is being issued to close the wolf hunting and trapping season in this area at 11:59 pm on Wednesday, December 21, 2016. The department continues to monitor deer population trends through annual spring deer pellet surveys, hunter harvest and effort, and through anecdotal information from people in the field.

The remaining areas of Unit 1C remain unchanged and are not affected by this Emergency Order.